

MINUTES OF GENERAL SESSION

FEBRUARY 15, 2005

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners convened in the Commissioners' Conference Room at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, February 15, 2005. Present were:

**Mary Jo Kilroy, President
Dewey R. Stokes, Commissioner
Paula Brooks, Commissioner**

President Kilroy opened the meeting, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Stokes.

The first order of business being approval of the Minutes of the February 8, 2005 General Session. Commissioner Stokes moved for adoption, seconded by Commissioner Brooks. The Minutes were unanimously approved.

Next was the approval of the Minutes of the February 10, 2005 Briefing Meeting. Commissioner Stokes moved for adoption, seconded by Commissioner Brooks. The Minutes were unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 134-05, authorizing the Prosecuting Attorney to apply to the Court of Common Pleas for an order authorizing additional legal counsel to represent the Franklin County Auditor and Board of Revision in litigation. (Auditor) was presented by Tony Frissora of the Auditor's office, and he introduced Mr. Glasgow from the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, who was here to answer any questions.

Mr. Frissora stated:

This Resolution will allow the Prosecutor's office to apply to the Court for additional legal assistance in a unique valuation case that we have in the Auditor's Board of Revision area. The funding for this was approved in the Auditor's 2005 budget.

Commissioner Stokes moved for adoption of Resolution 134-05, seconded by Commissioner Brooks. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 135-05, authorizing a contract renewal with J.W. Forney Ground Transport, Incorporated for body transport services for the third renewal period of March 14, 2005 through March 13, 2006. (Coroner) (Est. Annual \$141,736) was presented by David Brobst, Director of the Franklin County Coroner's office.

Director Brobst stated:

This contract is the third and final renewal of a contract that was originally let in 2001, for the transport of decedents from various locations around the County. We have had a good and productive working relationship with J.W. Forney Ground Transport, and we feel it is in the best interest of the County to renew this contract, which will have to go out to bid next year. It has been processed through the Purchasing Dept., and we appreciate their help.

Commissioner Stokes moved for adoption of Resolution 135-05, seconded by Commissioner Brooks. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 136-05, approving purchases for various Franklin Co. Agencies, in the amount of \$4,777,918.02, was presented by Karl Kuespert, Director, Purchasing Dept.

Director Kuespert stated:

This Resolution represents 261 pre-certified purchase orders.

Commissioner Stokes moved for adoption of Resolution 136-05, seconded by Commissioner Brooks. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 137-05, authorizing a contract with Intellinetics, Inc. for the period January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005 for support for Intellivue. (Franklin County Public Defender) (\$24,015.00), was presented by Jim Fain of the Public Defender's Office.

Mr. Fain stated:

This is a renewal/maintenance agreement contract. We have had great success with the Intellivue Document Imaging System. This is an ongoing maintenance agreement that we have with them.

Commissioner Stokes moved for adoption of Resolution 137-05, seconded by Commissioner Brooks. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 138-05 authorizing a contract with Intellinetics, Inc. for the period January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005 for support for case management system. (Franklin County Public Defender) (\$12,209.00) was also presented by Mr. Fain.

Mr. Fain stated:

This is also a renewal of a management agreement for their case management system. The funds for this contract were approved in their 2005 budget.

Commissioner Brooks asked:

Why was this not included in the previous contract?

Mr. Fain responded:

We have two separate applications with them, so we have two separate maintenance agreements.

Commissioner Stokes moved for adoption of Resolution 138-05, seconded by Commissioner Brooks. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 139-05 authorizing seven agreements to provide health promotion/wellness services for Franklin County Senior Options for the period of January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005. (Office on Aging) (\$523,131) was presented by Toni Carroll, Director.

Director Carroll stated:

These seven grant agreements complete our community support, outreach and specialized services portion of our business plan, and they authorize health services such as nursing clinics, respiratory therapy, assessments for hearing aids and other speech and hearing activities. We also provide some support for a recreation center which specializes in helping folks do post-stroke and heart attack rehab.

Commissioner Stokes moved for adoption of Resolution 139-05, seconded by Commissioner Brooks. The Resolution was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Brooks stated:

We have gone through these contracts in great detail in our briefing meeting, and I think it was a good discussion. I appreciate it.

President Kilroy stated:

The next series of Resolutions under heading number 6, County Engineer, Resolutions 116-05 through 127-05 had been tabled at our previous meeting, so I will entertain a motion to remove these from the table.

Commissioner Stokes moved to remove Resolutions 116-05 through 127-05 from the table. Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion. Removing the Resolutions from the table was approved.

Resolution No. 116-05, Transystems Corporation of Ohio, consulting engineers, appointed to assist the Franklin County Engineer in preparing detailed right-of-way and construction plans for the Morse Road at U.S. Route 62 intersection improvement, Franklin County, Ohio. (Franklin County Engineer) (\$584,942.00) was presented by County Engineer Dean Ringle.

Engineer Ringle stated:

This is a consultant proposal for improvement of the Morse Road and US Rt. 62 intersection. We went through the consultant selection process and chose Transystems to assist us with the plans. We will be getting started this year.

Commissioner Stokes moved for adoption of Resolution 116-05, seconded by Commissioner Brooks.

President Kilroy asked:

Is this the intersection that you were visiting Gahanna City Council about?

Engineer Ringle answered:

You mean last night? Actually, last night we were talking about Hamilton Road.

Resolution 116-05 was unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 117-05, authorizing the Franklin County Engineer to enter into a contract modification with Trucco Construction Co. Inc., for the Rathmell Road and Parsons Avenue Project. (Franklin County Engineer) (No cost to County)

Engineer Ringle stated:

This is our intersection project that we were building last year. There is some additional work needed on the north leg of the intersection, because of a developer adding into the project. It is mostly for drainage work and the developer is paying the entire cost.

Commissioner Stokes moved for adoption of Resolution 117-05, seconded by Commissioner Brooks. The Resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 118-05, roadside vegetation control along the roadsides in Franklin County, Ohio, declared necessary, and sealed bids to be opened on Thursday, February 24, 2005 at 2:00 P.M., (Franklin County Engineer)

Engineer Ringle stated:

This is our annual bid for spraying weeds along guard rails, bridges and road berms. This Resolution allows us to take bids on February 24, 2005.

Commissioner Stokes moved for adoption of Resolution 118-05, seconded by Commissioner Brooks.

Commissioner Brooks noted:

I have also raised with you the integrated pest management approach, and I assume we'll talk about that at a later time. I understand it can save money and it is a little healthier.

Engineer Ringle responded:

With the Board of Health, your office and my office, we'll get together.

The Resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 119-05, preliminary allocation and final encumbrance of county motor vehicle license tax (\$5.00) funds to the Village of Valleyview. (Franklin County Engineer) (\$10,000.00)

Engineer Ringle stated:

The Village of Valleyview has submitted an application to crack seal and stripe Valleyview Drive within their corporate boundaries, and it is on our \$5.00 approved list of roadways.

Commissioner Stokes moved for adoption of Resolution 119-05, seconded by Commissioner Brooks. The Resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 120-05, to rescind preliminary allocation and final encumbrance of County motor vehicle license tax (\$5.00) funds to the City of Reynoldsburg. (Franklin County Engineer) (\$250,000.00)

Engineer Ringle stated:

In 2003, \$250,000 was appropriated for Reynoldsburg to do an improvement on Main St. Since that time they have changed the plans and have requested not to use this money for that particular project. They have asked that we rescind it and put it back in the \$5.00 funds.

Commissioner Stokes moved for adoption of Resolution 120-05, seconded by Commissioner Brooks. The Resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 121-05, report (first) of the County Engineer and establishing sums for compensation and damages for a portion of the owners in the matter of the improvement of Reynoldsburg-New Albany Road, County Road No. 6, at Havens Corners Road, County Road 16, Jefferson Township, Franklin County, Ohio. (Franklin County Engineer) (\$40,000) was presented by Tim Lucks, Real Estate Administrator for the Engineer.

Mr. Lucks stated:

This is our first settlement on our RNA and Haven's Corners improvement, and it was reached at the appraised fair market value.

Commissioner Stokes moved for adoption of Resolution 121-05, seconded by Commissioner Brooks. The Resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 122-05, report (twenty-fourth) of the County Engineer and establishing sums for compensation and damages for a portion of the owners in the matter of the improvement of Stelzer Road, County Road No. 177, and Agler Road, County Road No. 16, Mifflin Township, Franklin County, Ohio. (Franklin County Engineer) (\$16,000.00) was presented by Mr. Lucks.

Mr. Lucks stated:

With this settlement we have settled with 94 out of 97 property owners, and we recommend passage of this Resolution.

Commissioner Stokes moved for adoption of Resolution 122-05, seconded by Commissioner Brooks. The Resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 123-05, report (sixth) of the County Engineer and establishing sums for compensation and damages for a portion of the owners in the matter of improvement of Scioto and Darby Creek Road, County Road No. 29, the City of Hilliard, Brown Township, Franklin County, Ohio. (Franklin County Engineer) (\$65,000.00), presented by Mr. Lucks.

Mr. Lucks stated:

With this settlement we have now settled with 58 out of the 66 property owners on Scioto and Darby Creek.

Commissioner Stokes moved for adoption of Resolution 123-05, seconded by Commissioner Brooks. The Resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 124-05, report (seventh) of the County Engineer and establishing sums for compensation and damages for a portion of the owners in the matter of improvement of Scioto and Darby Creek Road, County Road No. 29, the City of Hilliard, Brown Township, Franklin County, Ohio. (Franklin County Engineer) (\$18,250.00), was presented by Mr. Lucks.

Mr. Lucks stated:

This Resolution allows us to continue on with the project while we continue negotiating with the property owners.

Commissioner Stokes moved for adoption of Resolution 124-05, seconded by Commissioner Brooks. The Resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 125-05, report (eighth) of the County Engineer and establishing sums for compensation and damages for a portion of the owners in the matter of improvement of Scioto and Darby Creek Road, County Road No. 29, the City of Hilliard, Brown Township, Franklin County, Ohio. (Franklin County Engineer) (\$29,991.00), was presented by Mr. Lucks

Mr. Lucks stated:

This is on the Scioto-Darby Creek project, and this Resolution allows us to continue negotiating while the project moves forward.

Commissioner Stokes moved for adoption of Resolution 125-05, seconded by Commissioner Brooks. The Resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 126-05, report (ninth) of the County Engineer and establishing sums for compensation and damages for a portion of the owners in the matter of improvement of Scioto and Darby Creek Road, County Road No. 29, the City of Hilliard, Brown Township, Franklin County, Ohio. (Franklin County Engineer) (\$3,720.00) was presented by Mr. Lucks.

Mr. Lucks stated:

Once again, this allows us to move forward as we continue to negotiate.

Commissioner Stokes moved for adoption of Resolution 126-05, seconded by Commissioner Brooks. The Resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 127-05, resolution proposing to cooperate with the Director of Transportation for the improvement of State Route 605, from South of Central College Road, County Road No. 18, to North of Schleppi Road, County Road No. 191, Franklin County Ohio. (Franklin County Engineer) was presented by County Engineer Ringle:

Engineer Ringle stated:

The State Dept. of Transportation is planning to improve State Rt. 605, and have asked us to sign a cooperative agreement just in case there is anything we are requesting of them in the project. They are already including where Schleppi Road comes in at an angle, to tie that in at a 90% intersection at their cost. At this time there is nothing that we anticipate being charged for.

Commissioner Stokes moved for adoption of Resolution 127-05, seconded by Commissioner Brooks. The Resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 140-05, resolution approving personnel actions. (Dept. of Human Resources) was presented by Jerry Mapes, Director of Human Resources.

Director Mapes stated:

Resolution 140-05 authorizes the following personnel actions: in JFS, one return from a leave of absence, one retirement, and one resignation. In PFM, one name change and one lateral transfer. From the Board of Commissioners, two resignations. In the Dept. of Human Resources, one resignation; and in the Dept. of Development one resignation.

Commissioner Stokes moved for adoption of Resolution 140-05, seconded by Commissioner Brooks. The Resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 141-05, resolution approving purchase of service agreement for TANF child welfare services from Ohio Children's Foundation for the time period of February 16, 2005 through June 30, 2005. (Job & Family Services) (\$642,181.98) was presented by Tom Scheid representing Job & Family Services.

Mr. Scheid stated:

We are asking for your approval of a contract with Ohio Children's Foundation to provide school-readiness backpacks and learning materials to approximately 13,500 children and their families, in 14 Franklin County school districts. These materials will be provided to incoming kindergarteners as part of efforts of their school districts to help families develop each child's school readiness skills over the summer. This project is the continuation of a successful effort that the Commissioners have funded over the past two years. Initially in the Columbus Public Schools, and last year in additional County school districts.

President Kilroy asked:

When we discussed this in briefing, I was under the impression that we were going to adjust this Resolution to provide for such services perhaps based on the free or reduced fee lunch for either the school district or a particular school within a school district, and set some guidelines for what the cutoff should be. We would be directing our Temporary Assistance Child Welfare dollars to areas of greatest need.

Mr. Scheid replied:

Commissioners, that is correct. We are going to do that in the process of reviewing the implementation plans from each of those school districts. Those are the criteria we will be looking at with Ohio Children's Foundation.

President Kilroy asked:

Are you anticipating that contracts will be signed with all those school districts that were presented during briefing?

Mr. Scheid replied:

I honestly don't know without having had some conversation with all of them on whether every one of those school districts will be in a position to continue to commit to rolling it out. The contract was set up so that we would be reviewing a plan from each one of them.

President Kilroy asked:

So even though the grant will be made to the Ohio Children's Foundation for their good work, Jobs & Family Services is still going to retain some involvement in this project? Does the contract specify how and when the funds are released?

Mr. Scheid replied:

Yes, we retain involvement. Further, funds are released based upon attainment of billing units such as the home visits. A letter was incorporated as part of the contract that specifies that there will be these implementation plans that are developed and that we review them.

President Kilroy asked:

If you review them and it is not quite what we were looking for, then what do you do?

Mr. Scheid replied:

Then a provision has been made and discussed with Ohio Children's Foundation to approach other districts that have a higher demonstrated need and a willingness to provide services that include person to person contacts between instructional staff and families so that additional funds could be diverted to those districts.

President Kilroy stated:

I would have a higher comfort level with this purchase of service agreement if we could integrate some guidelines up front rather than after the fact.

Commissioner Brooks stated:

I concur with you, and I do not think it is an obtrusive request. I think we discussed this extensively in the briefing session. It's a good way to do business, being clear with our grantees exactly what we desire, especially when we're talking about a \$600,000 grant. It also comports with the County's Managing for Results and performance measures should be adequately tracked in all of our contracts.

Commissioner Stokes moved to table Resolution 141-05 for one week to comply with the discussion at the briefing, seconded by Commissioner Brooks. The Resolution was tabled until the February 22, 2005 meeting.

Resolution No. 142-05, resolution approving amendments to the Franklin County Prevention, Retention, Contingency Plan effective February 15, 2005. (Dept. of Job & Family Services), was presented by Mr. Scheid.

Mr. Scheid stated:

We are requesting your approval to a number of changes to the Franklin County Prevention, Retention and Contingency Plan, also known as the PRC Program. The PRC Program assists low income families by providing services that prevent them from needing to go on cash assistance, allow them to retain employment or help them in emergencies that threaten the health and safety of the family. Typically families may receive assistance such as with over due rent payments to avoid evictions, help with over due utility bills to prevent utility

shut offs, emergency car repairs so they can still have transportation to work, and replacement of items that might be lost in a disaster, clothing, furniture, baby items. In response to community and customer needs we are proposing changes that will extend higher levels of PRC assistance to more low-income families. We are also proposing changes that provide clearer definitions of who is eligible and the services that they can receive. The key changes include raising the maximum dollar amount from \$1,000 to \$1,500 in a 12 month period; increasing from 150% of the Federal poverty level to 165% the income limit for determining who is eligible; replacing the State application form with a County Application form that is easier to complete, and adding a provision that allows us to use County PRC funds to help low-income families in disasters, like the recent winter storm and power failure, when the State disaster funds are not sufficient to meet the emergency needs within Franklin County.

Commissioner Stokes asked:

Does this include the Teach, that you were talking about at Briefing? When will that be coming forward?

Mr. Scheid responded:

No, that is just another contract idea we are discussing. We will be moving forward over the next couple of weeks to develop appropriate performance based contracts.

Commissioner Stokes stated:

OK, I just did not receive that other information from our discussion on Thursday in regard to that or the Franklinton Project.

Commissioner Stokes moved for adoption of Resolution 142-05, seconded by Commissioner Brooks. The Resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 143-05, hearing on petition to annex 9.616 +/- acres in Plain Township to the City of Columbus, Ohio by Elmer Duritsky, Vincent Golden and Karen Golden. Fixed for Tuesday, April 5, 2005 at 10:00 A.M., Case #ANX-REG-01-05 (Development) was presented by Dan Nichter, Director of Development.

Director Nichter stated:

This was a regular filing, the site's addresses are 6955 and 6935 Harlem Road. The plat was reviewed and approved by the Franklin County Engineer's Office, and we have no right-of-way issues. This is a fixing Resolution, fixing it for Tuesday, April 5, 2005, at 9:00 AM.

President Kilroy noted the Resolution has the time of 9:00 AM, while the agenda has the time listed as 10:00 AM.

Commissioner Stokes moved for adoption of Resolution 145-05 with the time set at 10:00 AM, seconded by Commissioner Brooks. The Resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 144-05, Resolution fixing time and place of Public Hearing on amendment to the zoning resolutions and maps of Franklin County, Ohio fixed for Tuesday, March 1, 2005 at 10:00 A.M. Case No. ZON-05-01. (Development)

Director Nichter stated:

This is a hearing for a re-zoning case. The owners are Marsha Kenimer and the applicant is Tecstone Granite USA. The property is located at 3840 Agler Road in Mifflin Twp., and there are three separate parcels. The applicant is requesting a re-zoning to amend an existing select commercial planned district and to re-zone an additional parcel from the rural district to the select commercial planned district. The re-zoning will accommodate the storage and

distribution of granite monument slabs. This is a fixing Resolution, to be heard on Tuesday March 1, at 10:00 AM.

Commissioner Stokes moved for adoption of Resolution 144-05, seconded by Commissioner Brooks. The Resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolution No. 145-05, authorizing the Board of Franklin County Commissioners to sign the attached "Subordination Agreement" instrument for Howard R. Hazlett. (Dept. of Community & Economic Development) was presented by Director Anthony Forte.

Director Forte stated:

This Resolution is part of our CDBG program, in which we have provided rehabilitation loans to assist families in Franklin County. This is a subordination agreement, which has been reviewed consistent with the Board's policies and procedures.

Commissioner Stokes moved for adoption of Resolution 145-05, seconded by Commissioner Brooks. The Resolution was unanimously adopted.

President Kilroy stated:

There are no journalizations this morning, and as there is no other business, this meeting stands adjourned at 9:40 A.M.

These Minutes are a summary of the Commissioners' Meeting of February 15, 2005. An audio tape recording of that meeting was made, and constitutes the full record. It may be reviewed by contacting the Clerk of the Commissioners.

MARY JO KILROY, PRESIDENT

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